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REPLIES TO

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*The Mystic Swindler*

AND

THE A.M.A. ARTICLE



BEING AN EXPOSÉ OF

*His Attempted Misuse of That Article  
As a Shield of and in Perpetua-  
tion of His Own Insidious Fraud*

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# The Supreme Grand Master

OF

The Authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity  
in America

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*Fabricator of a Spurious  
and Fraudulent R. C. Order*

AND

The Article in the Journal of  
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## PREAMBLE

In this brochure, I speak to a point of *Personal Privilege*, to legions of friends; to the many thousands of loyal students throughout the land who have accepted me as their teacher, occult guide, and spiritual adviser; to almost a million readers who have purchased and read my books during the past thirty years, and to all occultists, mystics, occult teachers, and leaders of the several Secret Schools of White Magic, with whom I enjoy the most cordial fraternal relations.

This brochure has been prepared for the special aid and benefit of all those who are truly interested in real Rosicrucianism, and who are sincerely seeking the way to the Door of the Temple of the Rosy Cross. If such sincere seekers do not find the path that leads to the right Door of the real Temple, may that which is said herein be sufficient to guide them safely away from the beguiling snares of the cleverest charlatan of this day, that leads to the trap door and pitfall of a commercial enterprise and family racket conducted in the holy name of the Rose Cross.

As is well known, I am by profession, a physician as well as the official head of the authentic Rosicrucian Organization in America. In the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, issue of December 15, 1923, there appeared an article in which the attempt was made, by the clever use of strong insinuations, plausible implications and subtle innuendos, to connect me with frauds, medical quackery and disreputable medical colleges. It criticized severely many of my medical teachings and practices; with scorching sarcasm, belittling references, and villifying defamation it essayed to pronounce the last benediction on my professional career. Happily, however, it was a misdirected effort and did not have the intended effect. Instead of being a final rite of benediction, it proved to be a splendid professional benefaction.

Fortunately, I have never participated in any fraud or knowingly encouraged such practices. I loathe crooked dealing and non-ethical conduct. My so-called "quackery" has become recognized practice in the *regular* school. My alleged connections with disreputable medical colleges may be fully explained, and when the actual facts are known, there is—there can be—no condemnation.

The article was written for the purpose of preventing the formation of a rival medical association and afforded the A. M. A. a splendid opportunity to release its pent up spiteful feelings of revenge against several doctors, as well as myself, who had dared to vigor-

ously oppose them—especially their pet project of *compulsory vaccination*.

Professionally, I ignored the article. Upon its face, it carried its own answer, which all medical and professional men fully understood. While not so intended, it made me professionally. It greatly increased the sale of medical books, especially my books on Dietetics, and consultations with other doctors immediately increased. A host of doctors, far and near, became my friends; my fraternal circle in the profession was widened, and the fraternal ties, that bind, were made secure. It established my professional standing upon a firm and solid basis.

Not long ago, a unique impostor, with a rare genius for the successful manipulation of all the subtle wiles of the deceptive arts, with an astute knowledge of publicity and with a singular system of high pressure salesmanship, fabricated, instituted, and has since maintained for private gain, a wholly spurious rosicrucian organization. This resourceful charlatan and mountebank extraordinary has mislead, deceived, and defrauded thousands. He has numbered his victims and counted his accomplishments alike among the poor, gullible and ignorant; as well as the learned, rich, wise, and otherwise. As a propagandist, he is the past master superior, excelling yet unexcelled. He has deceived the most astute editors of authoritative dictionaries, encyclopedias, and books of reference. Likewise publishers of high class newspapers and magazines. He has made dupes of them all. And, all alike have permitted him to use their publications as free vehicles for his subtle, yet false and insidious, propaganda.

Being the official head and Supreme Grand Master of the genuine and authentic Fraternity, Order, Brotherhood and Temple of Rosicrucians in America, none were in a better position than I *to know* that the aforesaid so-called rosicrucian order was and is a gigantic swindle, so skillfully designed, so cleverly operated, and so ingeniously and cunningly hidden beneath a velvet veneer of intriguing mystery, plausible deception, and almost perfect camouflage, as to deceive others not so well advised on Rosicrucian affairs.

It, therefore, became my duty to direct attention to the truth and the facts concerning this spurious rosicrucian organization, to advise and warn all interested parties. This I have done from time to time. Only recently in several booklets, afterward republished in a permanent bound volume,\* in the interest of truth and for the benefit of all who are interested in Rosicrucianism, or the August Fraternity

\*The Rosicrucian Fraternity In America.

—for those who have been misled, and for those who are likely to be misled by the seductive wiles of this master fabricator, shrewd propagandist, and remarkable swindler. I exposed his methods and his racket—the most remarkable of its kind.

He could not answer the charges preferred, or face the facts presented. So, he resorted, among other ruses, to the ancient artifice long employed by the shrewd and crafty, namely: "When you cannot face the facts, then direct attention away from the facts, create confusion by making a vigorous, vicious personal attack on the informer." Therefore, he is using the article in the Medical Journal in connection with his planned and systematized campaign of personal abuse and vilification against me as strategic subterfuge in lieu of facing the facts.

Seeing that this pseudo-occult swindler is thus using the article to shield himself and as a means to perpetuate his racket, I shall make reply to the article and full explanations concerning all matters therein stated.

I am not a destructionist. I would not destroy that which is good and righteous. However, whenever it is necessary to raise my voice and to use my efforts to right a wrong and to protect the innocent, I do not hesitate, or falter.

True it is, that I dislike to criticize and attack the pet plans and projects of another in which others are interested—even though they have been deceived and beguiled—because it generally means war with the victims whom the charlatan uses to defend himself. I disdain it because I am a lover of peace, but not peace at any price. Yet, when I see well-meaning men and women making a pet out of a snake-in-the-grass, kneeling to its siren charms and bareing their breasts to the poison of its fangs, I am compelled to sound a warning. This I have done—none could do less.

Fraternally submitted,

R. SWINBURNE CLYMER.

## H. Spencer Lewis And His Spurious AMORC

In the year 1915, H. Spencer Lewis, without Rosicrucian authority, fabricated and instituted a spurious Rosicrucian organization which he has been and is now conducting, as a private business enterprise under the trade name of AMORC. November 15, 1928, he incorporated this family enterprise in the state of California under the corporate name of the *Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC*. The incorporators and trustees were H. Spencer Lewis, his wife, his son, his son's wife and Charles D. Dean. On September 1, 1930, he filed an amendment to the charter changing the name of the corporation to *The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*, and vesting the absolute control and total voting power of the corporation in the board of trustees, by the following provision quoted *verbatim* from a certified copy of said charter, viz:

"Eighth: The total voting power of this corporation shall be in said trustees and any three of their number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the corporation."

### A FAMILY AFFAIR

This corporation owns all of the property of AMORC. It is a closed corporation composed solely of H. Spencer Lewis and his family, and is governed by a board of five trustees, headed by H. Spencer Lewis, with his wife, his son, the son's wife and Clement Le Brun, one of his handy men. The paying members of AMORC are not members of and have no interest in or control of the property of AMORC, although it belongs to them. It is owned by a corporation which is controlled absolutely by H. Spencer Lewis and his family. There is an unincorporated subsidiary body under the incorporated *Supreme Grand Lodge*, known as the "Grand Lodge," which owns no property, to which the membership at large belongs. The initiation fees, contributions, and monthly dues paid by those who have joined this enterprise do not go to the unincorporated Grand Lodge to which they belong, but to the incorporated Supreme Grand Lodge controlled by H. Spencer Lewis and his family. Although it purports upon its face to be a fraternal organization and is so con-

ducted as to give it the plausible appearance of a mutual fraternal organization, it is simply a family enterprise for the support and aggrandizement of H. Spencer Lewis and family.

#### A GIGANTIC SWINDLE

However, it is more than a family enterprise; it is a most plausibly designed fraudulent scheme and *gigantic swindle*. With this cleverly organized device, conducted under the *trade mark*: "AMORC," falsely represented to be the perpetuation and continuation in America of the original and authentic Rosicrucian Order or Brotherhood. During the past 20 years, H. Spencer Lewis has deceived thousands and defrauded them of millions of dollars. Although he calls himself the Emperor of the Rosicrucian Order, jurisdiction of North America, he is *not* a Rosicrucian. His family enterprise carried on under the trade marked name of "AMORC—Rosicrucian Order" and other Rosicrucian names and appellations, is not a *genuine* Rosicrucian organization.

From time to time, we have warned sincere seekers of the Rosy Cross, as well as the gullible and the curious against this fraud perpetrated in the name of the Rosicrucians. Recently we issued booklets and a permanent bound volume\* thoroughly exposing this gigantic swindle and the Lewis family racket, and also pointing the way to the real, genuine and authentic Rosicrucian Order and Brotherhood in America.

#### MR. LEWIS CANNOT FACE THE FACTS. HE RESORTS TO SUBTERFUGE

Mr. Lewis could not in fact and with truth answer. As a subterfuge in the nature of a reply, he printed a pamphlet which he styles: *White Book D* filled with plausible falsehoods, ingenious, cunning misrepresentations, expertly manufactured and mutilated evidence and clever stratagems, which has the appearance of an answer, but which in fact is not an answer at all.

Of course, my *expose'* of this fraudulent scheme and family racket of Mr. Lewis made him rather angry and resentful. Albeit he was without an honest straight-forward reply thereto, he resorted to the age-old, yet clever, stratagem of making an indirect personal attack on me to detract somewhat from the truth of our *expose'* by

\*See the booklets: *The Order Militia Crucifera Evangelica, A Challenge and the Answer; The Exclusive Right to Rosicrucian Names and An Expose' of the Emperor of AMORC*, being books II, III, IV and V in the permanent volume: *The Rosicrucian Fraternity in America*.

having circulated a multigraphed circular (not having the courage to do it himself) with his own acrimonious and false comments thereon, containing a copy of a sarcastic and back-biting article published 12 years ago in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, belittling my professional qualifications as a physician and containing defamatory insinuations and false innuendos placing me in an altogether false light—at least in the eyes of the laity.

**THE A. M. A. ARTICLE WITH LEWISTONIAN  
COMMENTS**

The multigraphed circular above mentioned containing Mr. Lewis' comments and a copy of said article insofar as it relates to me, being circulated by him through the agency of others, is quoted *verbatim* as follows:

**THE "REVEREND" R. SWINBURNE CLYMER**

Head of the "Rosicrucian" Foundation  
of Quakertown, Pennsylvania

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E-A-R-L-I-E-R C-A-R-E-E-R

Foreword: [Mr. Lewis' Statement]

The present day activities of this man consist almost entirely in trying to wreck the real Rosicrucian organization, known as the Rosicrucian Order (AMORC) with national headquarters at San Jose, California.

He hopes that by putting it in a false light and causing dissatisfaction among some of its members they will resign and join his own organization.

His organization is a small one, is in reality anything but Rosicrucian, and is housed in a farm house and barn near Quakertown.\*

For years, with manufactured "evidence" and innuendo as his stock-in-trade, he has printed and flooded the country with scurrilous booklets in his malicious campaign against the Order and its chief executive officer. Of a particularly revolting nature are three booklets being circulated by him this year (1935).

Revealing himself unconsciously in his writings, he

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\*See our reply to Mr. Lewis "White Book D" in which Mr. Lewis is shown to be the manufacturer of evidence and the publisher of plausible falsehoods. He always accuses others of doing that which he has done. It is one of his clever tricks.

deceives neither the members of the Order nor the general public, especially editors, writers, researchers, and leaders of other fraternities.

Nevertheless, something of a tangible nature should help in circumventing this man in his career as a destructionist, and it is with this end in view that this authoritative report on him has been brought to light. [End of Mr. Lewis' statement, here follows the article:]

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Dec. 15, 1923

**The American Progressive Medical Association  
Another Attempt to Organize the Twilight  
Zone of Professionalism**

From various parts of the country, the JOURNAL is receiving requests for information about a new medical organization calling itself the "American Progressive Medical Association" and having its "National Headquarters" at Milwaukee, Wis. Physicians are receiving letters and application blanks from the "President" of this new society urging them to send in their application for membership and the annual membership fee of \$5.00. According to the letterhead of the American Progressive Medical Association, which, by the way, is said to be incorporated, this organization is "Impartial—Fearless—Progressive—Democratic." It has a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a General Counsel—to say nothing of an Editor and General Manager of its medical journal, the latter, apparently, not yet born. It has a "Council on Health and Public Instruction," a "Council on Medical Education and Hospitals," a "Council on Scientific Research," a "Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry," a "Council on Medical Legis-

lation," n'ever'thing!

Applicants for membership must "agree and stipulate" that they will give their "moral support to Progressive Therapeutics." Furthermore, they "agree to stand firm for National Reciprocity for all Licensed Physicians without examination or any RED TAPE."

When physicians ask THE JOURNAL, as some have, to inform them as to the "standing of the American Progressive Medical Association," they are asking for the impossible because the Association has not yet been in existence a month. The best the JOURNAL can do is to publish what material it has regarding the founders and officers of this new organization. From this material, any physician should be able to determine whether or not he wishes to be associated with an organization so fathered: Here it is:

#### THE PERSONNEL

THEODORE HUBERT LARSON, M.D., Milwaukee, Wis., *President, Editor and General Manager*: (Note by copyist: Long report to his discredit is being omitted in this copy as he is not involved in the attack on AMORC).  
SIMON LOUIS KATZOFF, M.D., Bridgeport, Conn., *First Vice-President and Chairman of the Council on Health and Public Instruction*: (Note by copyist: Long report to his discredit omitted for same reason given above).  
R. SWINBURNE CLYMER, M.D., Quakertown, Penna., *Second Vice-President*: Our record fails to show that this man was ever regularly graduated by any reputable medical college. In a paid notice that appeared in Polk's Medical Directory of 1906, Clymer claims the degrees of "Ph.G." and "M.D." He is classified as a "Physio-Medicist" and a graduate of the Independent Medical College, Chicago, 1898. The Independent Medical College was a diploma mill which sold diplomas to anyone who sent the cash. It was finally declared a fraud by the federal authorities and put out of business. In Polk's directory for 1908, Clymer is listed as an "Electro-Therapeutic Specialist." In the same directory for 1912, he is given as a graduate of the College of Medicine and Surgery, Chicago, 1911. Correspondence with a one-time officer of this extinct school brought the statement that in 1911 Clymer "was granted an ad eundem diploma"!

In 1903, Clymer was "Secretary and Manager" of the "Twentieth Century Physio-Medical College," a diploma mill whose "Main Office" was a post-office box in Guthrie, Okla., and whose "Corresponding Department" was a post-office box at Union City, Mich. Letters written to Clymer at Union City, Mich., were answered by him on stationery bearing the same address, but mailed from Hatfield, Pa. Through the efforts of THE JOURNAL (see issue of October 1, 1904, P. 990), the post-office department attempted to get a case on this fraud, but Clymer discovered that the thing was being investigated and dropped that line of endeavor. However, the charter of the "college" was cancelled by the State of Oklahoma in 1904. The name of Henry J. Barton, of whom more later, appeared on the stationery of the "college" as one of its attorneys.

In 1904, R. Swinburne Clymer conducted from Hatfield, Pa., and Union City, Mich., "The International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences" and at the same time exploited the "Elixir of Youth," the "Water of Life" and "Bioplasma." The "International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences" offered a "course" in the "Natural System of Healing" which proposed to enable those taking the courses to "Treat Every Known Disease." Instruction was given on the mail-order plan and the degrees of "M.D." and "D.O." were granted. At the same time, Clymer had offices at Allentown, Penna. Those who wanted to take the "course" were told to "address the Associated College, Union City, Mich." and obtain a "prospectus and full information."

In this connection, it is of interest to refer to a fraud order that was issued by the United States postal authorities against "The Philosophers of the Living Fire" with which R. S. Clymer was connected. It was operated from Union City, Mich., the "home" of Clymer's "Associated College." The scheme consisted in obtaining money for membership in this alleged society for "degrees" in the "society." The government investigated and found that the degrees were "simply devices for obtaining additional sums of money from credulous persons." The "Philosophers of the Living Fire" was supposed to be a quasi-religious, secret order with signs, grips, obligations, passwords, and similar paraphernalia. Henry J. Barton, already referred to in connection with the "Twentieth Century Physio-

Medical College," was head of the concern and was known as the "Reverent Supreme Grand Rabboni." In October, 1905, the Philosophers of the Living Fire were extinguished by the fraud order which covered not only Barton but "Dr. R. S. Clymer." The fraud flared up again in 1917 and was again extinguished by a second fraud order which again covered the name of "Dr. R. S. Clymer."

A testimonial credited to R. S. Clymer from Souderton, Pa., appears in the advertising matter issued by the "Institute of Physicians and Surgeons" of Rochester, N. Y. It is to the effect that he has received the diploma from this "institute" and "it is in every respect equal to my medical or hospital diplomas." It doubtless was. The "Institute of Physicians and Surgeons" was a mail-order swindle that was put out of business by the federal authorities July 21, 1905. (See "Nostrums and Quackery," Vol I, page 407).

In 1910, R. Swinburne Clymer was exploiting the "International System of Magnetic (Alchemic) Therapeutics." Advertisements were published stating that R. S. Clymer had obtained a patent from Washington for an apparatus for the magnetic treatment of diseases and that a company was "being formed by Dr. Clymer and some others interested." This venture was an outgrowth of an earlier scheme known as the "International System of Direct Medication."

Some of the later activities of Clymer concern another organization, the "Rosicrucian Aid," conducted from "Beverly Hall," Quakertown, Penna. One of the numerous activities of this organization was that of issuing a book on dietetics which is credited to "R. Swinburne Clymer, College of Medicine and Surgery, 1902." It will be remembered that Clymer had claimed graduation in the medical directories from the College of Medicine and Surgery, 1911. We have in our records still other information regarding Clymer of a more personal character, which need not be gone into at this time.

GEORGE STARR WHITE, M.D., Los Angeles, Cal.,  
*Third Vice-President and Chairman of the Council on  
Medical Education and Hospitals:* (Note by copyist:  
Long report to his discredit is being omitted in this copy).  
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urer and Chairman of the Council on Pharmacy and  
Chemistry:*

JOSEPH R. HARRIGAN, M.D., Jamaica, N. Y., *Chair-  
man of the Council on SCIENTIFIC Research:* (Note  
by copyist: Long reports on these former associates of  
Clymer in the realm of quackery are being omitted in this  
copy for the reason that other personalities are not involved  
in his malicious anti-Rosicrucian activities. Suffice it to  
say that each and every one of them were revealed in the  
report as just the kind of men Clymer would associate  
with).

So much for the personnel of the "American Progres-  
sive Medical Association." The letterhead of that organi-  
zation carries the admonition: "Investigate everything—  
select the best." We commend this suggestion to our  
readers. Look over the list here published and "select the  
best."

A BRIEF REPLY TO THE FOREWORD  
BY MR. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis errors greatly. I am not seeking to wreck the *real*  
Rosicrucian organization. I am seeking to preserve it in its pristine  
purity and to protect its holy name against the unholy misuses to  
which he has subjected it. I am not seeking members from his  
organization. By his sordid methods, he has disgusted thousands  
with the name, very few if any of his members when they know and  
fully realize the truth about his swindle and family racket will care  
to have anything further to do with any organization designating  
itself by any Rosicrucian appellation. Therefore, few if any of his  
victims will ever seek affiliation with the authentic order.

Mr. Lewis is quick to charge others with following his own  
practices—he manufactures and mutilates evidence to give plausi-  
bility to his swindle. When we produce the evidence proving it to  
be a swindle, conceived in sordid selfishness and brought forth in  
fraud and corruption, he charges that the *real* evidence is manu-  
factured.

We trust that all interested readers will secure the three booklets  
(they are free), which Mr. Lewis says are "*of a particularly revolt-  
ing nature.*" They contain much evidence and proof certain of his  
*revolting* swindle and family racket.

My campaign has been solely against Mr. Lewis, his swindle and fraudulent practices—not against his victims and members. It has not been malicious. I have acted only in the *interest of truth* and for the *protection of the innocent*.

Concerning the statement that our organization (the real Rosicrucian Fraternity) is housed in a farm house and barn, see our reply to his "White Book D" where he makes the same false statement. Our reply will be sent without cost upon request.

#### ANOTHER MISUSE OF THE A. M. A. ARTICLE

In the August (1935) issue of his mouthpiece *THE ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST*, Mr. Lewis, "*The Imperator*," writing under the title: *The Lighter Side of Life's Mysteries*, on page 265, commenting on the above quoted A. M. A. Journal Article says:

"We learned some time ago in a magazine published by the American Medical Association of December 15, 1923, that this man (meaning the writer), at one time was connected with so-called schools of medicine which were claimed to be genuine colleges of medicine or therapeutics, and that he issued diplomas to others until legal interference stopped the system. *In fact, the medical magazine alleges that he issued a diploma to himself from one of his own medical schools before he had established it.* Whether his ideas were right or wrong does not concern us inasmuch as the American Medical Association saw fit to condemn him as a *notorious fraud* in the Journal for December 15, 1923." (Italics ours).

It will be noted that Mr. Lewis is commenting on the above quoted A. M. A. Journal Article. Nowhere in said article does the A. M. A. allege, by inference, innuendo or otherwise, that I issued a diploma to myself from one of my own medical schools before it was established, nor has the American Medical Association ever seen fit to condemn me as a notorious fraud. (Again he accuses others of doing what he has done—issuing diplomas to himself and of being what he is—a *notorious fraud*). It is his own statement which he cleverly attempts to attribute to the American Medical Association and its Journal (another of his *clever tricks*). The statement is absolutely and wholly false.

#### ALSO ANOTHER MISUSE OF THE A. M. A. ARTICLE

Only recently (1934), the Secretary of the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, with the assistance and advice of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, conducted a thorough and prolonged investigation into the question of the right to the exclusive use of all Rosicrucian names, titles, terms, designations, and appellations on applications made under a Pennsylvania statute for the Registration of such names and appellations.

AMORC was a party to said proceedings. Mr. H. Spencer Lewis, through his attorneys and a member of his organization, presented the claims of AMORC as to its Rosicrucian authenticity and his protest against the registration of Rosicrucian names, titles, and appellations by the Randolph Foundation of the Authentic Rosicrucian Order in America.

As the Supreme Grand Master of the Authentic Rosicrucian Order or organization in America (the said Randolph Foundation), I presented the claims of our organization as to its authenticity and superior rights to the exclusive use of all Rosicrucian names, titles, and appellations.

The issue was clearly and sharply drawn. The Secretary and the Attorney General made a most complete, searching, and exhaustive investigation of all issues raised, kept the proceeding open almost a year, and gave Mr. Lewis and his spurious AMORC every possible opportunity and ample time to establish their claims and to justify their protests.

#### AMORC NOT A ROSICRUCIAN ORDER

However, Mr. Lewis being entirely without proof of Rosicrucian authenticity of his fabricated and spurious organization, and wholly without justification for his protest against the registration of Rosicrucian names by the Randolph Foundation of the authentic Rose Cross Order; in a futile attempt to confuse the issue, vainly hoping to overcome the impregnable claims and right of the authentic order by detracting attention from his own weakness—the absolute nothingness of his claims, and his inability to justify his groundless protests; introduced the above mentioned and quoted article from the A. M. A. Journal in said proceedings, caused the same to be read and used as the basis of a vicious, malicious, acrimonious, rancorous, atrocious, and wicked personal attack on the writer—yet to no purpose—it availed him nothing.

The Secretary and the Attorney General disregarded the malicious personal attack and decided all issues solely upon their merits. Every issue was decided in favor of the *Authenticity of the Randolph Foundation of the Rosicrucians* in America and against Mr. Lewis

and his spurious organization.\*

#### THE ANSWER TO THE A. M. A. ARTICLE

Having made clear for you the motive for the use and the reason for the circulation at this time, of multigraphed copies of said article, I shall answer fully and in detail every false charge, unfair insinuation, damaging innuendo and statement therein made or contained. I will also show the reason why the article was written, the purpose it was intended to serve, why the writer of that article treated me in such a spiteful, step-motherly fashion, and deliberately left inferences and created innuendo not justified by the facts. However, before making specific answer in detail to the A. M. A. Journal article, a few matters of general observation, as a background may be helpful as giving a better understanding of the specific reply thereto.

#### MY BACKGROUND

My forefathers migrated to Pennsylvania during the early colonial days from Switzerland, near the German border, where the Natura Physicians and Naturopathy were predominant. They believed in the philosophy and efficiency of the natural systems of healing, and were liberals in politics and religion. One of my ancestors, George Clymer, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Pennsylvania.

At an early age, I became a student of the Occult Sciences and a neophyte in the Order of the Rosy Cross. The Secret Schools, as is well known to all of their neophytes and initiates, and as is also generally known to students of mysticism and occultism, advise their neophytes and followers against the use of warm-blooded meat, poisonous drugs and serums, or other animal inoculations.

With this background, nurtured in such a family tradition, trained in an occult school, it is not at all strange that I should be a liberal in religion and medicine and a Natura Physician.

The system of healing to which I subscribe and follow in my practice was first known in this country as the Thomsonian or Herbal System, then the Nature Cure, and later as the Physio-Medical system.

#### I AM A PHYSIO-MEDICALIST

A Physio-Medicist is a physician who does not use poison, narcotics, harmful drugs, antitoxins, vaccines, serums, and putrified

\*See our booklet *The Right to the Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names* for a full account of all matters above mentioned.

germ laden animal inoculations in his systems. He employs the constructive principle in Nature on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual planes of being. He treats causes, not effects and symptoms of disease, with elementary natural remedies such as water, heat, air, light, magnetism, electricity, etc; with chemical remedies such as diet, scientific food selection and combination, non-poisonous medicines, herbal extracts and vito-chemical remedies, and also with mechanical remedies such as corrective gymnastics, massage, osteopathic manipulation, and surgery when indicated and necessary. He also uses psychological methods such as normal suggestion, emotional control, scientific relaxation, constructive thought and methods of natural living. To such a physician, prevention of disease is most important.

#### THE OCCULTIST AND PHYSICIAN

If the Physio-Medicist is also an Occultist, he will successfully employ the finer, more potent forces and higher laws of Nature. He will, in truth and in deed, possess a knowledge and skill akin to intuition—and know the highest art of healing, health, and salvation.

He will be a Priest of Nature and an interpreter of her holiest Mysteries—and will realize the highest ideal of the physician.

It is not my purpose here and now to discuss the relative merits and demerits of the theory and practice to which I subscribe, as compared with that of the Allopathic school of medicine, which has become the dominant, hence the "regular" or "orthodox" school.

I have no quarrel with Allopathic Physicians. There is vastly more to be learned than is known. It is charitable, reasonable, and just to say that no school of medicine, or of the healing arts, has acquired a monopoly on wisdom, even though they have acquired the factitious privilege to practice their theories to the exclusion of all others, under and by virtue of special legislation and the arbitrary special favor of governmental authority.

I have believed, and still dare to assert, that no one rightfully has a commission to arbitrarily set up a standard, to cast a measuring line and to say to all others: "Thus far shall thou go and no further." It is the unalienable right of everyone to do, without unnecessary and arbitrary restrictions, the work which is appropriate to him, for which he has fitness and aptitude. The words of Augustin of Hippo are replete with good sense and reasonable justice: "In the things which are necessary, let there be unity; in those not absolutely certain, let there be liberty; and in them all, let there be charity." There can be no genuine progress in science where these are not. The Divine Art of Healing should have but a single ethic:

*To live in charity and intellectual hospitality, doing to others as we desire them to do to us, and to all as we have the opportunity.* This is the Higher Law of Medicine and the Healing Arts.

It was because I entertain these fundamental convictions and dared to vigorously assert them in the interest of and for the advancement of the healing arts at the time when the persecuting political branch of the Allopathic school was gaining its ascendancy by special legislation and enforcing its views and theories by the authority of law and special privilege of Governmental sanction, I incurred the embittered resentment of the then management of the A. M. A., that later found expression in the back-biting article now quoted and used for still more unworthy ends by Mr. Lewis.

#### THE BITTER CONTESTS WITHIN THE PROFESSION THE A. M. A. FORMED

In this land of the free, as well as in the tyrannical lands of kings and dictators, there has existed a dominant persecuting, politically minded branch of the medical profession intent in compelling their brethren to adopt their views and to practice according to their dictation. They proposed to establish a hierarchy of Medicine to which all must bow and pay due reverence, the regularity of which must not be questioned and the theories, teachings, dogmas, doctrines and practices must be accepted by all who would practice the divine Art of Healing. To accomplish this object they proposed to grasp and hold all lucrative medical offices in the Army and Navy; the Civil Service and Hospitals; to man and control all medical regulating and licensing boards, and departments of health. To unite and organize against all medical reform and independent practitioners, to compel all healers and physicians to join with them and adhere to their standards, or be excluded from fraternal courtesy and just recognition as professional men—and driven from the field. Finally, to completely regulate the medical profession and all healing arts by law and enforce their views and practices upon the profession and laity alike by special mandatory class legislation. Accordingly, a conference was held in New York, in 1846, by which the American Medical Association was brought into existence for this purpose.

#### OTHER MEDICAL SOCIETIES

At that time, there existed medical societies representing the doctrines and fostering the practices of the Homeopathic, Eclectic, Physio-Medical, and others. Although they differed in the theory and practice, they were united in their opposition to class legislation granting exclusive privileges to one class of healers, or physicians,

to the exclusion of all others, to mandatory laws enforcing upon the people their theories and practices, and to all legislation promoting and fostering the intolerant spirit of medical monopoly.

#### THE BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

With the organization of the American Medical Association, the die was cast and the battle for supremacy and the control of the medical profession and healing arts was waged with relentless vigor and accumulating bitterness for more than a half century. At the close of the nineteenth century when I entered the medical school and upon my professional studies, the American Medical Association had almost succeeded in legislating out of existence all schools of theory and practice, except the Allopathic School which it sponsored. At that time, the fight for compulsory vaccination was at the height of its bitterness. Of this, I shall say more as I proceed.

Dr. Alexander Wilder, the classic scholar, profound philosopher, eminent physician and Rosicrucian in his *History of Medicine*, from the earliest historical period to the close of the nineteenth century, in speaking of these contests within the medical profession says:

"We sometimes hear it pleaded that in the Healing Art there should be no parties, no separate organizations. Mankind have a common interest in health and in the means to preserve it. This pleading is plausible, and perfectly consistent with that charity that seeketh not its own advantage, but the welfare of others. But in the human constitution, as in every department of Nature, there is a principle of polarity, and an impulse to differentiation. One class of human beings hold fast, sometimes almost convulsively, to what has been long esteemed and venerated; while another is ready, and frequently even eager, to discover what is new, and to bring it into possession. In a state of savagery, there may be little distinction in art; in the civilized state there is certain to be differencing of effort in every direction. It is in the plurality of faculties, in the variety of aspirations, the infinite extending of conceptions, that man is developed and perfected."

"In the Art of Healing there is, accordingly, a multiplicity of methods to be brought into view, and with each of them must come the modifying and even the discarding of older notions and procedures. With the bringing of them into contiguity, there is very certain to follow collision, degenerating into strife. Personal ambition and selfish

motive are likely to transcend philanthropy and love of truth. There has been in every country and every historic period an official Medical Practice, taking its sanctions and theories from enforced authority. It boastfully claimed to be ample for its purpose, and was characterized by jealousy and intolerance of innovation. From the Shaman of the Siberian village to the pretentious stickler for scientific regularity, this has been the case. As in former religious crusades and persecutions, the arm of the Civil Power has been involved and employed without scruple to arrest changes by the punishment of innovators. The record of history in this respect in both hemispheres has been far otherwise than humane or honorable. In every new period, there have been demonstrated the shortcomings of its predecessor, and instead of truth-loving candor, there have been encountered derision, social proscription, persecution, and even virtual outlawry."

"In Europe the disciples of Hahnemann, and in America the associates and followers of Beach and Thomson, breasted alike the torrents of calumny and proscription. The Homeopaths, who bravely adhered to their convictions, opened a New World, like Columbus, to subsequent explorers and colonizers. Eclectic Medicine in America was likewise characterized by a career of vigorous protest and earnest endeavor. It was an enthusiasm not to be measured by common understanding. Its champions labored to develop a practice of Medicine, not cosseted and fenced about by special legislation, but having its foundations planted upon its intrinsic usefulness, without factitious privileges, always open to new light, and still retaining tenaciously the principles to which it owes its inception and continued existence." (Pages 884-885).

"Even now, with all the boasted learning of our Modern Time, the diversities of opinion in medical circles are innumerable. There are sects and schools of practice, even where there exists arbitrary authority and sentiment to prevent organizing into distinct forms. A one Catholic science of Medicine, of inerrant orthodoxy and faultlessly classified, cannot be intelligently affirmed to exist. The medical vista is like a kaleidoscope in which the several dominant opinions appear conspicuous according as the instrument happens to be turned. \* \* \* Sentiments that are often scouted as vagary and of revolutionary character,

have the sanction of men standing high in the medical profession. Yet the conservatism of established bodies of men is so great as to induce resistance, even to ferocious violence, to changes deserving of a welcome. New views are generally first denounced as false, afterward derided as of little importance, and eventually accepted with the assertion that they had always been the property of the profession. The first promulgators, however, are seldom included in such favorable reception." (Pages VI and VII, Foreword).

In the light of the foregoing, and the facts, conditions, and situations existing at the times referred to in the A. M. A. Journal article, we may proceed to deal with it fairly, intelligently, and understandingly.

#### THE ARTICLE MISCONCEIVED AND UNNECESSARY

The article was a misconception and not based upon facts and the truth so far as I was concerned. That is also probably true insofar as it applies to the individual doctors therein referred to, ridiculed, and no doubt unjustly criticized. I was *not* a member, or officer, of the American Progressive Medical Association. A short time prior to its attempted formation, Dr. Larson, of Milwaukee, wrote me about forming a liberal and progressive medical association. I replied that I believed the conditions and general situation unfavorable and the time inopportune. Therefore, I refused to lend my aid to the undertaking. Notwithstanding, Dr. Larson went forward with his futile and unsuccessful plans and had propaganda, literature, and letterheads printed with my name set forth as "second Vice-President." This was done without my knowledge or consent. I was in no way interested in that movement and had nothing to do with it.

The A. M. A. advised of the attempt to organize a rival progressive and liberal association, ever jealous of all rivals and determined to stamp out, in its very inception, all possible rivalry, resorted to the undignified and questionable method, to say the least, of making caustic personal attacks on those of its professional brethren who were connected, or supposed to be connected, with the movement. The bitter attack was as unnecessary as it was unjustified. The movement gained no headway and never had an actual existence as a functioning organization.

#### MY POSITION STATED

Before proceeding further, I desire to state my position, ideas,

and ideals as they relate to the healing arts, medical profession, medical education, schools, and associations. I believe that every healer and physician, regardless of the system practiced, should be fully prepared, learned and highly efficient in his art. I hold no brief for "diploma mills," fraudulent and inefficient schools, and have no sympathy with those who would lower the standards of professional training and education, or who would, in any way or by any means, evade the full measure and highest standard of the professional responsibility of the physician.

The public health and general well-being of mankind are precious, and should be duly guarded and protected. I believe that the medical profession should be carefully regulated to high standards and increasingly higher standards of efficiency, and that none should be licensed to practice the healing arts who are not fully prepared to efficiently treat, cure, and prevent disease and safeguard the health of those for whom he renders professional service. But I do not believe that one school has the right to regulate the profession to its own selfish advantage, to the exclusion or disadvantage of other or all other schools, some of which may be more desirable and efficient. I am unalterably opposed to a medical monopoly that arrogantly establishes a dictatorship over the profession, stifles individual genius, and retards scientific progress by refusing to recognize all innovations, however meritorious, that do not conform to their own preconceived ideas.

I believe in medical freedom, with qualified practitioners, unhampered and unshackled; and that professional colleges of all schools of theory and practice of the healing arts should be established and maintained to the highest possible standards of progressive efficiency.

I have always opposed the policy of the A. M. A. of forcing its theories and practices by compulsory legislation, its monopolistic tendencies, its attempts at professional dictatorship, its practices of personally attacking brethren of the profession who have dissented from its conclusions and who have refused to bow to its dictation. I cannot accept the Allopathic theory and practice of medicine which it fosters; however, I am in accord with its policy of professional training and medical education. It has raised these standards, for which it deserves due credit and high commendation.

In the early days of my practice, I associated myself with movements for the establishment of Physio-Medical colleges, which I hoped would develop into strong colleges of high educational standards, with a complete curriculum, a highly specialized staff, and adequate equipment to graduate high class, learned, efficient and

skillfull Physio-Medicists. Those attempts failed, because, unfortunately, there were some associated with those undertakings who were not willing to subscribe to and support such high standards.

In the later years of my practice, I have been solicited and urged to assist in the organization of independent, liberal, and progressive associations. I believe in such an Association. It is certain that such an organization, or society, if committed to the maintaining of the same strict, high standard of medical education as the A. M. A. would serve a beneficent and most useful purpose. So far I have, of recent years, refused to join in, or to encourage such movements and shall continue to do so until the time arrives when the independent, liberal, and progressive practitioners can unite their efforts into a harmonious movement on high educational as well as progressive standards.

#### VINDICATION

We, the physicians of liberal tendencies, of the Thomsonian, *Natura* and Physio-Medical school, who are seeking no earthly glory, who have not pinned upon our breasts ambitions' worthless badge, and who are more interested in the welfare of mankind and the service we may render to and for our fellowmen, have been content to see the physicians of the Allopathic school abandon many of their own fundamental pet theories and to adopt in lieu thereof, the major, fundamental, and basic principles of the Physio-Medicists, which the majority of their physicians are generally using today in their practice, and which less than fifteen years ago the A. M. A. was denouncing and ridiculing. It was not then alone sufficient to denounce and ridicule our system and our remedies, it was also deemed necessary to villify and belittle, to make personal and sarcastic attacks on the personnel of our school, who were active in promoting its doctrines and practices.

There is, indeed, justified gratification in the silent, tacit admission by the Allopathics of the correctness of the principles of our practice, even though they have adopted them as their own without due acknowledgment. Within this fact is found sufficient reward for our labors, and a measure of compensation for all the abuse that the A. M. A. has unjustly heaped upon us.

#### "REGULARITY"

The A. M. A. has attacked me personally; reviled, ridiculed, and persecuted me. It has declared me "irregular" because I have dared to think for myself, because I have opposed some of its policies and have refused to accept its theory of medicine—yet I



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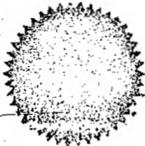
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME

CERTIFICATE

R. S. Chymer, M.D. Having been duly elected  
a member of this association and being now in good standing  
is worthy of this certificate so long as he shall not violate  
the Constitution, by-laws or rules of the association, which  
may now be in force, or which may hereafter be promulgated.

In Witness Whereof the association has caused its President  
and Secretary to subscribe their names and affix the corporate  
seal of the association hereto this twenty-sixth day  
of May A. D. 1908 and of the association the 26th



William F. Schaefer, M.D. Secretary  
J. M. Kelton, M.D. President

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We do hereby certify that... Reuben S. Chynier having completed the Course of Study required by this Institution and having passed a satisfactory examination and recommended by the Faculty as qualified to enter upon the practice of Medicine and Surgery, and by order of the powers vested in us by the State of Illinois, we hereby confer upon him the degree of...

with all the rights, privileges, immunities and honor pertaining thereto

In Testimony Whereof, the titles of the above said diploma, his name and the diploma to be signed by the President and the members of the Board of Directors, elected by the Senate, and the official seal of the College of Medicine and Surgery, of the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, at the City of Chicago, this twenty-sixth day of April, 1902.

William F. Johnson, M.D. S. LaDoit Johnson, M.D.

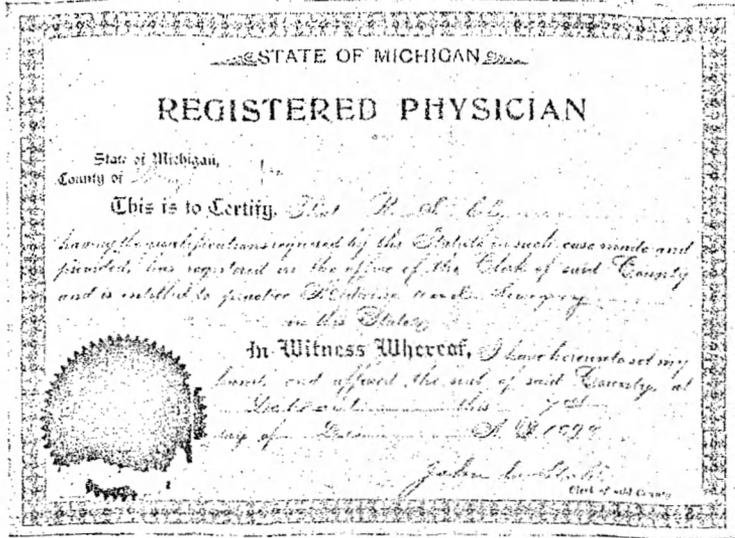


WITNESSES:

- List of names of witnesses, including H. C. Hadley, M.D., W. G. Wood, M.D., M. B. Surgeon, etc.

Certificate of graduation, Degree Doctor of Medicine, College of Medicine and Surgery, Chicago, 1902. After receiving the said diploma, served as assistant surgeon to the President, N. LaDoit Johnson, M.D., in Douglas Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

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Registration of certificate of graduation in the State of Arkansas.

have always been *regular*—more so than most of its members. I have lived up to the highest ethics and noblest precepts of the profession. My professional brethren who know me personally and those who have followed my career, know this to be true. I have never attacked, or assisted in the persecution of any physician of any school. I have been as liberal in my conduct towards my professional brethren as I have been in my professional views. I may have disagreed with some of them, they may have been right or wrong, they have the same right to their opinion as I to mine. I have always granted to them the same rights and the free exercise thereof as freely as I have vigorously fought to preserve it for myself and future generations. I have always revered the physician as God's greatest servant to humanity and one of our greatest blessings. Therefore, I enjoy the personal esteem, fraternal regard and association of Doctors of all schools of thought and practice.

WHY THE ARTICLE WAS IGNORED

The highest ideal of the physician is service—service that aids and blesses mankind—unequivocal, unabating, unselfish service. In the last and final analysis, if a doctor fails to cure the sick, to take proper and satisfactory care of his patients, and to render service to the community in which he resides and labors, he is not a physician and deserves no professional standing. Having lived up to the highest ideals of the physician, my professional reputation was not and could not be injured, in the realms in which I have labored and served, by the petty insinuating condemnation of that article.

All physicians know and fully understand the *coercive* and

*vindictive* tactics often employed by the A. M. A.—until very recently—to coerce and punish doctors. It proved to be bad policy and has, I trust, been abandoned. Let it be said for the profession that very few members of the A. M. A., or doctors generally, endorsed such methods. Doctors understanding such articles, generally cast them aside as unworthy of serious consideration, therefore, my standing within the profession, as a doctor, or individual, was not injured. As a matter of fact, the article proved to be a professional blessing. It greatly enlarged the sphere of my personal acquaintance. Since then and now, many physicians of the "regular" or Allopathic school, in good standing, consult me and call me into consultation on cases relating to diet, direct medication, magnetic therapeutics, and endocrinology.

#### WHY THE ARTICLE IS ANSWERED NOW

For the reasons above indicated, the article has thus far been treated with well deserved silent contempt, and (until now), has remained unanswered. As long as it stayed within the profession, it did not matter and required no reply. However, since it has been seized upon by a dangerous charlatan, the Baron Munchausen of the Occult, and has been and is being widely circulated over the United States among the laity as the basis of a vindictive personal attack in connection with matters in which but few of the medical profession are interested, I shall answer it not so much from the viewpoint of a physician, for brethren of my profession, but almost solely for the benefit and information of students of the Occult, members of secret schools, fraternities, and especially those interested in the Rosicrucian Fraternity.

Mr. Lewis is using it as a smoke screen to obscure his operation of a clandestine, spurious, and fraudulent so-called Rosicrucian organization; to discredit the writer, as the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rosicrucian Order and Brotherhood in America, who has exposed this gigantic swindle.

Such unholy and despicable use of this article will be condemned by laity and physician alike—even the Management of the A. M. A. will resent such use of its back-biting wares. To the end that Mr. Lewis may not accomplish his unworthy purpose and use the article as a means of diverting attention away from his fraudulent scheme and family racket, we make full explanation of and reply to the article in the Journal of the American Medical Association of December 15, 1923.

PHILOSOPHERS OF THE LIVING FIRE  
HENRY J. BARTON AND THE  
POSTAL FRAUD ORDER

I made the acquaintance of Henry J. Barton (now deceased), about the year 1897, through correspondence. He had a deep and profound knowledge and understanding of the Occult Sciences. He edited and published an Occult magazine under the title of "THE PHILOMATHIAN." It was a successful magazine of its kind and was highly esteemed by serious Occult students. He had the encouragement and enjoyed fraternal recognition of many Occult teachers. I often contributed to his magazine. I recognized his ability as an Occultist and believed in him implicitly—nor has my faith in him shaken or altered to this day. He was a victim of unkind and unfortunate circumstances—"more sinned against than sinner."

Later, he decided to organize the Philosophers of the Living Fire for the purpose of promulgating his teachings. They were sound and true Occult teachings, of White Magic, leading the student along the upward Path to a higher spiritual realization and development.

He requested permission to use my name as one of the officers. I granted it. My name appeared upon his literature and letterheads as the "Grand Rabboni." Dr. Barton being the Supreme Grand Rabboni and in full charge of its management. Others were associated with him in the actual management, *I was not.* I permitted him to use my name, that was all. Aside from my name being used, I had nothing whatever to do with *The Philosophers of the Living Fire.*

I WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE FRAUD ORDER

Prior to the issuance of the fraud order in 1905 against Dr. Barton's organization in Michigan, a Postal Inspector came to see me in Pennsylvania. He told me that Dr. Barton had informed him that I had nothing whatever to do with the matter, that Dr. Barton had admitted that he promoted the society, managed its affairs, and received all monies derived therefrom; that his investigation had showed it to be true, and he *completely exonerated me.* The Inspector said that the investigation had not been made upon the complaint of any of the members, or students, but upon information furnished by Dr. Barton's wife—of this we will say more later.

When the fraud order issued, it contained my name, with other names, simply because my name had been used in the literature. I was not a party to the proceedings and had no notice of the hearing before the issuance of the order therefore, my name was wrongfully and without warrant of law included in the order; however, it be-

came effective *only* against Dr. Barton and his organization located in Michigan. *It was never effective against me* and my mail; the mail of any organization with which I have ever been actively connected, has *never been effected or interfered with to the slightest degree. It was not a fraud order against me, or against any organization with which I have ever been actively or actually connected,* although the A. M. A. article intended to leave that impression and it probably does, but *it should not.* It is an absolutely false insinuation.

I am reliably informed that when Dr. Barton's magazine became a success, he established a printing plant and employed a printer. The printer fell in love with his wife, the wife with the printer. In one of those family affairs, of which nothing more need be said, he threw his faithless wife and her illicit lover out of his house. She vowed vengeance. She got it. The fraud order resulted.

In 1917, Dr. Barton attempted to reorganize the *Philosophers of the Living Fire*; of this I had no knowledge. The original fraud order was reissued against him, and his organization; of this I had no notice. The reissued order contained my name as did the original, but it was not effective as against me. It was not a fraud order against me.

Dr. Barton died shortly thereafter, a penniless and heart-broken man, a victim of the unrelenting vengeance of a faithless Eve, who fell under the temptation of a printer-devil, a snake that he had employed and welcomed to his home.

#### THEN AND NOW

Dr. Barton issued 25 to 30 good Occult lessons to the Degree, which he sold to his students at a trifle over 5c per lesson, scarcely enough to cover postage and cost of production. The Post Office Department being unable to evaluate their intrinsic worth, declared them to be without monetary value, his Occult society a fraud, and closed up his organization. This hastened him to an early grave. Certainly he had robbed no one and had not accumulated a fortune by fraudulent means, or otherwise, because at the time he was served with notice of hearing on the fraud order, he did not have sufficient money to go to Washington to defend himself.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Lewis has been issuing so-called occult and mystic lessons, sending them through the mails, falsely representing them to be the teachings of the *original* Rosicrucian Order. As Rosicrucian teachings, they are intrinsically and monetarily worthless. These he sells to his victims at 50c per lesson (4 lessons per month, monthly dues \$2.00, plus a \$5.00 initiation

fee), from which his gross income in one year was more than \$1,000,000. The Post Office Department has not seen fit to interfere with this *occult racket*; it has been as mystifying to the Government as it has been profitable to Mr. Lewis.

This is astounding. There is no way of accounting for it, except that times have changed. Albeit, Mr. Lewis has ample funds derived from his operations with which to employ able lawyers, eminent counsel to protect his operations. Thus it is that the unsuccessful *alleged* fraud of yesterday was stamped out with indignation for the protection of the credulous, while the successful *racketeer* of today is allowed to pursue his fraudulent schemes and devices in a big way and the gullible and the credulous are beyond the pale of Governmental consideration and protection.

#### OUR SENSE OF JUSTICE

The man who rolls a pair of dice on a bale of cotton in a game of chance and loses \$1.75, has incurred the penalty of the law for which he is punished. The man who buys 100,000 bales of cotton on futures, which he never expects to own, or sells 100,000 bales of cotton which he does not own on a cotton exchange in a real big game of chance and makes a million, becomes a hero and a "leading" citizen. Can it be that this represents the true ideal of justice and equal rights under a "government of law and not of men?"

Now, let us suppose that because as an Occultist, I was a friend of Henry J. Barton, whom I knew to be a profound occult scholar; whom I believed to be honest and honorable; to whom I loaned the use of my name; who was an unfortunate victim of cruel circumstances; against whom and whose organization (with which I had nothing to do), a fraud order was issued containing my name, but which did not affect me and was not issued against me.

Then let us further suppose, that because, as a physician with deep convictions, with a view of service to mankind, I opposed some of the theories and methods of the A. M. A. representing the dominant school of medicine, that this powerful organization, in spiteful retaliation, published an article in which it made reference to the above mentioned fraud order against Dr. Barton and his organization, cleverly concealing the whole truth as to my real connection with the entire affair—telling only a small part of the truth, with sarcastic comment, so as to leave the false though damaging inference and nasty innuendo that I had, in some way, been associated with a fraud—for the purpose of punishing me for daring to oppose them and to discredit any further opposition that I might have the "audacity" to offer.

Then, let us suppose still further that, as a Rosicrucian and the official head of the authentic Order of the Rosy Cross in America, I exposed the racket of a man operating a spurious Rosicrucian Order; who is conducting his fraudulent scheme and device through the mails; who openly boasts that he knows the way and has the means of preventing any fraud orders issuing against him—that he is *immune* and *above the law*, and who is also circulating the above mentioned A. M. A. article through the mails for the purpose of shielding himself and to discredit the exposé of his racket, so that he may perpetuate his outrageous swindle.

Can it be possible—is it true, that *such as this* conforms to our ideals of justice and our conception of the eternal fitness of things?

#### A MISCREDITED TESTIMONIAL

The reference in the article to "A testimonial credited to R. S. Clymer from Souderton, Pa.," of which it is stated, "appears in the advertising matter issued by the Institute of Physicians and Surgeons of Rochester;" the inference that I wrote the testimonial and caustic comment thereon is altogether false and misleading. I did not write that alleged testimonial. I know nothing about the Institute of Physicians and Surgeons of Rochester, N. Y. I did not know that such an Institution had existed until I read it in this article.

#### REPUTABLE MEDICAL COLLEGES

The article states: "Our records fail to show that this man (Clymer) was ever regularly graduated from a reputable medical college." That is a left-handed statement, intended to leave an unfavorable impression without frankly and fully stating the whole truth which is not unfavorable, and in which no fair minded person can, or will find condemnation.

As to what constituted a "reputable" medical college from 1890 to 1910 is a matter upon which there is likely to be a sharp, well defined difference of opinion, depending on whether it taught your theories, philosophy and practice of medicine, or mine. It will depend largely upon the preconceived ideas and basic prejudices of him who pronounces the judgment.

The reader will not lose sight of the material fact that the medical colleges—so contemptuously referred to in the article—which I will discuss later, were medical colleges that existed more than 30 years ago. They must be judged by the standards of their day and the circumstances of the times; since then there have been many changes. Standards of medical education have greatly improved a change welcomed and encouraged by every true physician regardless

of his school of theory and practice.

The time was, not so many years ago, when Doctors were not required to have any prescribed preliminary general education, or to attend a medical college. They could "read" medicine in a Doctor's office, under his tutorship and private instruction for what would now seem a ridiculously short period (judging by our standards of today), whereupon they were permitted to practice. Strange as it may seem to us today—some of our most eminent and successful physicians received their original medical education and training in that way. After all, it requires more than academic learning to make the true physician. Even today, with our higher standards, stricter requirements, and superior medical colleges, many are graduated, given a diploma and registered with the right to practice who never become real physicians. Yet, it is well that we have medical colleges of high standards to better qualify those who, by natural aptitude, are capable of becoming true physicians.

#### THE STATEMENT IS FALSE

The statement above set forth, contained in the article, was not true, was not justified in fact, and should not have been made; *because*, the A. M. A. publishes the American Medical Directory from its *records*. One of the medical colleges from which I graduated is shown to be a *reputable* medical college in its directory for the year 1923, for several years prior thereto, and in its directory every year since said time, as I shall later show by quotations from the *American Medical Directory*. Its Directory is proof that the A. M. A. knew the statement to be false and altogether misleading. Now, let us consider the medical colleges from which I graduated.

#### THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL COLLEGE

When as a youth, I decided to become a physician, I consulted physicians in whom I had utmost confidence—physicians of standing, successful and highly respected practitioners—as to which medical college I should attend. They advised that I attend the Independent Medical College. My investigation showed that it had a faculty of able and experienced physicians. That it had graduated a number of successful and able Doctors. It was a regularly chartered institution. It had a curriculum that more than met the standards of that time. It taught in classes personally attended and by correspondence, which was then permissible. *Its diplomas were recognized by the Boards of Health in practically all States.*

At the time I entered and graduated from this college, it was a *reputable medical college*. It taught efficiently the system of heal-

ing in which I believed with all my heart and soul. I attended the classes in person for the full prescribed time, diligently and studiously completed the prescribed course, and was regularly graduated therefrom in 1898. Thereafter, it may have "sold" diplomas to others, that I *do not know* but I *do know* that I *earned mine*. With the toil of my hands and the sweat of my brow, I earned the money to pay my tuition. I spent every spare moment on my studies, burned the midnight oil, intent upon acquiring all possible knowledge and understanding of the healing art and in fully qualifying myself as a physician.

I wanted a diploma because it entitled me to legally register and practice. That was necessary, of course; however, I intended to have the proper qualifications before I entered the practice.

The faculty were lovable men, scholars, learned in medicine, and splendid teachers. (See *Fac-simile* reproduction of my diploma from the Independent Medical College, note the names of the faculty signed to my diploma. I acquired much knowledge and understanding of medicine, surgery, and the healing arts. I made satisfactory progress with my studies under the guidance and tutorship of these splendid teachers, each of whom had the heart of the physician, but I was not satisfied with myself and the sufficiency of my medical education as will later appear.

#### COMPULSORY VACCINATIONS AND INOCULATIONS

It is not my purpose to review the sharp difference of opinions in the medical profession as to the merits and demerits, benefits and dangers of vaccinations, or inoculations with cow-pox virus for the prevention of smallpox, nor to review the long bitter fight to make such vaccination compulsory by law. Sufficient be it to say that there was and still is a marked difference of opinion between the best minds and the greatest physicians in the profession, and that the contest to make such vaccination compulsory on our soldiers, sailors, school children, and certain of our citizens was bitterly waged during the latter half of the last century and the early part of this. This contest had reached the heights of its intense bitterness during the closing years of the 19th century and the first few years of the 20th century. It was at that time (from 1890 to 1905) that the A. M. A. was making its most arduous efforts to secure its ascendancy as the dominant school of medicine, and to crush all opposition to the ambitious and not altogether laudable plan for which it was organized, by and through its championship of *Compulsory Vaccination*. The Physio-Medical organizations and Colleges opposed the A. M. A. with vigor, returning vindictiveness for vindictiveness. The

means employed, and the manner in which that contest was carried on will always be a cankerous spot of shame upon the pages of our professional history.

The Independent Medical College, its management and faculty were unusually active in bitterly opposing the A. M. A. in its campaign for compulsory vaccination, and otherwise made themselves exceedingly obnoxious to the officers and management of the A. M. A. Indeed, it became a bitter-end fight, for the survival of the fittest. The A. M. A., the stronger, determined to exterminate the Independent, to accomplish which every effective means and method, fair or otherwise, was used. The Independent, finally weakened by the relentless efforts of the A. M. A. to destroy and annihilate it, resorted, it was alleged, to the indefensible expediency of issuing diplomas in 1899, after I graduated therefrom, for a price to secure funds to defend itself against the relentless prosecution and persecution of its bitterest enemy, thereby placing in the hands of the A. M. A. the very weapon with which it was destroyed. The College was closed in the latter part of 1899 and its President was prosecuted and convicted.

At the time I graduated, its diplomas were recognized in most of the States of the U. S. I registered under my diploma in the States of Michigan, Arkansas, and the territory of Oklahoma, and was granted a license to practice therein, although I had no intention of immediately entering the practice. (See *fac-simile* reproduction of certificates in Michigan, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The right to practice in Arkansas is endorsed on the back of the diploma). I had satisfied the law and was registered in three states, in one of which I intended to ultimately locate, but I was not satisfied with myself, *i. e.* my qualifications and my medical education. So, I matriculated in the College of Medicine and Surgery to better qualify myself as a physician.

#### THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, CHICAGO

At the time I entered the *College of Medicine and Surgery*, it was well established (established in 1885), had a large registration, a full curriculum, a large and able faculty, high standards, strict requirements strictly adhered to, and was rated one of the very best Physio-Medical Colleges in America. It was then and always has been considered a first class, highly reputable and highly esteemed medical college.

Notwithstanding the aspersions cast upon it by innuendo in the article, the A. M. A. has always considered and classified it as a reputable medical college and has published this fact year after year.

I quote from the *American Medical Directory* (1925), published by the A. M. A. in the classification of Medical Colleges: Illinois (pp. 25-26), as follows:

"Ill. 5—College of Medicine and Surgery (Physio-Medical), Chicago. Organized in 1885 as the Chicago Physio-Medical Institute. First class graduated in 1886. In 1891, the name was changed to the Chicago Physio-Medical College. In 1899, it absorbed the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery (Physio-Medical—Ill. 20), and assumed the above title. Physio-Medical College of Dallas, Tex., was combined with it in 1908. In 1911, it was absorbed by the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery. (Ill. 22)."

"Ill. 22—Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, Chicago. Organized in 1901 as the American College of Medicine and Surgery (Chicago Eclectic Medical College). In 1902 the part of the names in parenthesis was dropped and it became by affiliation the Medical Department of Valparaiso University. Dropped Eclecticism in 1905. Assumed title of Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery in 1907. Absorbed the College of Medicine and Surgery, Physio-Medical (Ill. 5), in 1911. First class graduated 1903, and a class graduated each subsequent year. Merged with Loyola University School of Medicine in 1917. (Do not confuse with Ill. 20)."

"Ill. 43—Loyola University School of Medicine, Chicago. Organized in 1910 when the Bennett Medical College became by affiliation the Loyola University School of Medicine; the University assumed full control in 1915. The Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery (Ill. 22), was purchased in 1917. The first class graduated in 1916. The dean is Dr. Louis D. Moorhead. Total registration 1923-24, 289; graduates 23."

Substantially the same information appeared in the *American Medical Directory* for the year 1923 (the year of the article), prior thereto, and every year since that time. There is, *there can be*, no doubt about the *College of Medicine and Surgery* being a *reputable medical college*—the A. M. A. so recognized it to be and the A. M. A. was and is not overly fond of the Physio-Medicalists.

Allowing for credits given on account of my work in the Independent Medical College which was recognized, I attended the classes *in person* for two years, labored hard, studiously pursued my studies,

completed the course, complied with and met all the requirements of the *College of Medicine and Surgery*, and was regularly graduated therefrom in 1902, although I did not receive my diploma until the early part of 1911, due entirely to lack of funds with which to pay part of my tuition.

The wholly misleading and altogether unjust statements in the article implying that I had not been regularly graduated by any reputable medical school is based upon, but by no means justified, by the following facts.

First, that the Independent Medical College, which was a recognized, legal, and reputable College at the time I graduated therefrom, was afterwards declared to be disreputable. I did not endorse, I did not participate in, and I do not condone its evil practices, if any such there were. Should I be held responsible, dishonored, and disgraced because of the frauds, wrongdoing and sins, if any, of the management of a college committed after my graduation? I earned my diploma; it was honest and its certification was *true* to the effect that I had completed the course of study and was entitled to the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Second, upon the fact that the College of Medicine and Surgery, although it graduated me and executed my diploma in June, 1902, (see *fac-simile* of Diploma for date and signatures), the diploma was not delivered to me until January, 1911. So, it is upon this "irregularity" that they condemn and would dishonor me—and it is on these facts that they base the statement that I was never regularly graduated by any reputable medical college.

My graduation from the Independent Medical College that was later declared to be a disreputable college, and my graduation from the College of Medicine and Surgery, a *reputable college*, was not *quite regular*, from which is deducted the statement: "Our records fail to show that this man (Clymer) was ever regularly graduated by any reputable medical college." Strange reasoning, intended to conceal the truth, and to condemn and dishonor the innocent.

The writer of that article *did know* the facts and the records of the A. M. A. did show the facts. *This is revealed upon the face of the article by the statement:* "Correspondence with a one-time officer of this extinct school brought the statement that in 1911 Clymer was 'granted an *ad eundem* diploma!'" It was written thus with a latin term to confuse, to mislead, and to cast an aspersion on me. And yet, although intended to conceal the truth, it nevertheless reveals it.

The Secretary of the College of Medicine and Surgery (which is not an *extinct* school as shown by the A. M. A. directory of Medical Colleges quoted above but *exists by merger today*), did write the

A. M. A. and tell them the *facts*, viz: that I was graduated in 1902 and because facts hereinafter fully stated, in 1911 I was granted an *ad eundem* diploma. *Ad eundem* means "to the same"—*TO THE SAME DEGREE*, that is, in 1911 I was granted a diploma to the same degree to which I was entitled upon my graduation in 1902.

#### THE FACTS OF THE "IRREGULARITY"

As in the Independent Medical College, I worked my way through the College of Medicine and Surgery. I had no one to assist me financially, I fought my way alone. My studies in the latter school required so much of my time during the last two terms that I only found time and opportunity to earn sufficient money to pay for my books and meager living expenses. When I was graduated, I owed the school for two terms tuition. Because I could not pay the tuition, my diploma, *although issued and signed by the faculty*, was withheld. At the time of the withholding of the diploma, I felt that I had been wronged and unnecessarily offended and humiliated. However, I decided that I did not need the diploma, since its possession did not increase my learning, nor add aught to my qualifications. I was more interested in acquiring and possessing knowledge than in possessing a diploma certifying to it—so I continued my quest for knowledge. In the latter part of 1910, the Secretary of the College of Medicine and Surgery advised me that it had been decided to deliver my diploma to me and suggested that one good turn deserved another. I accepted the suggestion, paid the back tuition and the diploma was delivered to me.

This is the *irregularity* upon which the statement is based that I was never *regularly* graduated from a reputable medical college. It may be that poverty in worldly goods is a sin. If so, I have sinned grievously in my ideals, because I have always esteemed knowledge, service, and the higher, nobler, spiritual things of life to be of greater value.

The article makes a point out of the fact that it was stated in Polk's Medical Directory that I was a graduate of the College of Medicine and Surgery in 1902 and also in 1911. In the light of the foregoing statement of facts, the apparent inconsistency of apparent conflicting statements are reconciled.

#### FURTHER MEDICAL EDUCATION

Immediately after graduating in Chicago from the College of Medicine and Surgery in 1902, I interned in Dr. August Reinhold's Sanitarium in New York City, where I remained for one year. Dr. Reinhold successfully treated many chronic ailments (which other

doctors had failed to cure), with Osteopathy, Electro-Therapeutics, Nature Cure, and Diet. As an interne in this institution with actual daily practice and the valuable instruction of Dr. Reinhold, I rounded out my medical education.

#### WELL QUALIFIED TO PRACTICE

In 1904, when I entered the practice at Allentown, Pennsylvania, without being boastful and only intending to state the facts truly, I dare say that my medical education and qualifications were equal to that of any medical student graduated from any medical college of that day. I was successful and immediately gained local fame as a physician.

#### OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OCCULTISTS

Being an Occultist, and knowing full well the deteriorating effect on the Soul, resulting from the injection of vaccines, animal serums, and decomposed animal matter into the blood, I fought compulsory vaccination vigorously with all my might and main. The articles I wrote attracted such wide attention and created so much undesirable opposition, that one of the large chemical manufacturers of vaccines approached me with alluring and tempting offers. These were promptly refused. I plunged into the fight with renewed vigor. Every Occultist, Mystic, and student of the Occult Sciences will honor and sustain me for the fight I made against vaccination and legislation to make it compulsory. It was in this manner that I incurred the bitter wrath of the A. M. A.

#### THE A. M. A. "GETS EVEN"

The article insofar as it related to me, was a "*pay-off*"—a "*get even*" article—it reeks with vengeance, caustic retaliation, and spiteful vindictiveness. Although it was not justified in fact, nor by the facts, yet, it appears that no jeering insinuation was sufficiently derisive, and no injury or harm they hoped to do me was quite enough to satisfy the rancorous, pitiless, relentless, vindictive spirit of revenge and retaliation that prompted the writing of that article. That was their mistake—they have since realized it. I have forgiven their persecutions and the injury they would have done. As a matter of fact, the article resulted in no professional injury. It was a tacit admission that my efforts in opposition to *compulsory vaccination* and other pet ideas of the A. M. A. had not been feeble, but sufficiently strong and powerful enough to incite and arouse unreasonable vindictive abuse. Indeed, the article, if correctly un-

derstood, is a professional compliment—a *boost*, not a knock. As noted before, after this article appeared and came to the notice of the profession, the sale of my books on Diet and Medical subjects greatly increased within professional circles—especially to Doctors of the Allopathic School.

#### THE TWENTIETH CENTURY PHYSIO-MEDICAL COLLEGE

This was an ambitious plan well conceived and a praiseworthy, good faith attempt by several reputable, well-meaning physicians to establish a highly efficient and truly reputable Physio-Medical College, and in its due process of growth, to eventually take its place among the best medical colleges in the land. The plan embraced the association of other colleges, teaching the use of all natural healing arts, agents, and methods other than the use of poisonous drugs, serums, vaccines, etc., under a central management, to better protect and promote all such allied colleges not teaching inconsistent theories of practice. This was known as the *Associated College*, with general offices in Union City, Mich.

I was *not* one of the original promoters. It was *not* my plan. After all the plans had been made, all the chairs in the college filled, the organization completed and functioning, prospectus and advertising matter printed and what appeared to be ample funds provided, I was approached and induced to become the advertising manager of the Twentieth Century Physio-Medical College. I also agreed to associate the *International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences*, of which I was the founder, with the *Associated College* and to cooperate with the general plan.

As advertising manager, stationery and letterheads were issued to me, upon which my name appeared as "Secretary and Manager." This was misleading. I erred in using them. I had nothing to do with the management of the college in any way whatever. I acted only as advertising manager under a contract and solicited students for the institution. In this I acted in good faith, believing that the original plan and high ideals would be carried out. However, after I had spent much effort and had been successful in securing many students for the college, complaints of students and rumors of irregularities came to my notice which shook my faith in the institution. I discontinued my efforts and severed my connections.

One high in the management, with the cooperation of others of the management, had been selling diplomas to students who had not fully completed the course and who were not entitled thereto. He had converted what I had believed was to be a high class, efficient medical college into a "diploma mill." When his fraud was found

out, he attempted to shift the blame from himself to others (including myself), who were in no way connected with, or had any knowledge of the fraud. *In this he was not successful.* A full investigation by the Government revealed the real culprits who paid for their wrong-doing.

I had no knowledge of this investigation until it had been completed. On his way back to Washington, the Post Office Inspector stopped to see me. He looked over my records, to verify his findings. When he told me about the results of his investigation, I was astounded to learn for the first time of the unsuccessful efforts that had been made to involve me in the wrong-doing of others, with which, he said, *I had nothing to do.* Therefore, I was at no time involved in the investigation, nor in the fraudulent practices revealed by the investigation. The record of the investigation showed me to be innocent of any wrong-doing. The college was unable to survive and because of the wrong-doing of a few, the efforts of many came to naught and suspicion, entirely undeserved, was cast upon them.

I believed then, and I believe now, that we should have such a college of the highest possible standards, teaching the Physio-Medical theory and practice. It would be of great value to the medical profession. I regret that it was not a success as originally planned.

#### MY OWN ACADEMY WAS NEVER QUESTIONED

In this connection, may I note the fact, that when the Twentieth Century Physio-Medical College was under official investigation, *The International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences*, which I founded and successfully conducted for some time, was *not involved and was not under investigation.* It never was under investigation and its legality was never questioned. It did *not* offer degrees of M.D., D.O., or any degrees whatever. It was only through the *Medical Colleges* connected with the Associated College that the degrees were offered—*not by the International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences.*

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#### THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF THE NATURAL AND SACRED SCIENCES (Not a Medical College)

This was not a medical college and was not so represented. It was founded for the purpose of teaching—*practicing physicians and students who had previously received their medical education and degrees*, a System of Healing which I had devised, based upon the application of certain occult laws and principles of nature, consist-

ing of the basic therapy of the Natural System in combination with the Schuessler Tissue Remedies, or the Biochemic System of Medicine, which was then a new system. I was a pioneer in introducing it in this country and among our physicians. I now view with justifiable pride the success of my efforts and the good that has been accomplished.

Dr. W. H. Schuessler, of Oldenberg, Germany, had originated his twelve tissue remedies based upon the famous cell theory of Professor Rud. Virchow, which, in composition, correspond with the inorganic elements found in the blood and human body. These remedies are based upon truly natural laws, and the Biochemic system combines perfectly with the theory and practice of the Physio-Medicist.

These remedies are known as elixirs, because of their rejuvenating effects upon the cells. They have been, often and properly, called the "Elixir of Youth." Because they supply the blood with all necessary inorganic salts they have been referred to as "Water of Life"—"Bioplasma—the Life of the Blood." Because these terms and the Biochemic System were the subject of sarcastic slurs intended to put me in a false and ridiculous light, I shall for the benefit of my lay readers, take the space to briefly describe the Biochemic System.

#### THE THEORY OF BIOCHEMICAL TREATMENT

The body is made up of cells. Different kinds of cells build up the different tissues and organs of the body. The difference in the cells is largely determined by the kind of inorganic salts which enter into their composition. If we burn the body, or any part of it, we obtain the ashes. These are the inorganic constituents of the body, the salts of iron, magnesia, lime, etc., which build up its tissues. Besides these inorganic salts, the body is composed of water and organic substances in the proportion of one-twentieth of inorganic salts to the remainder of water and organic matter; but the latter is inert and useless in the absence of the inorganic cell salts. These are the real tissue builders, the architects of the organism, and both the structure and vitality of the body depend upon their proper quantity and distribution in every cell. The biochemical treatment uses these inorganic cell salts, when properly prepared for assimilation, and they are the Tissue Remedies, considered capable of curing every curable disease and ameliorating most incurable ones.

Health is the state of the body when all the cells composing the various tissues are in a normal condition; they are kept in this state when they each receive the requisite quantity of the needful cell

salts required for the upbuilding of the different tissues.

Disease is an altered state of the cell produced by some irregularity in the supply to the cells of one of the inorganic tissue salts. Imperfect cell action results, diseased tissues and organs follow, and all the phenomena of disease are developed. Now the cure consists in restoring the normal cell growth by furnishing a minimal dose of the inorganic substance whose molecular motion is disturbed, which disturbance caused the diseased action. To do this successfully, it is necessary to know what salts are needed for the upbuilding of the different tissues and for their normal action. This knowledge is derived from physiological chemistry, and hence this treatment of disease by supplying the needed tissue salt is called the biochemical treatment.

What is more rational, what is more natural, founded as it is on natural law, that where there is a deficiency in one or more of the component parts of the constituents of the organism, that this deficiency will produce a deranged, or a diseased condition; or, more logical, than by the supplying of these lacking elements an equilibrium will again be restored, and the organism returned to its normal condition.

The Biochemic system, in connection with other remedies, methods and practices of the Natural System, combined into a well prepared course of study for the treatment of every known disease, was taught by mail and in personally attended classes for several years to thousands of Doctors and graduated medical students who have been and are today successfully using it in their practice.

The Biochemic or Schuessler Tissue Remedies have been manufactured and sold for the past 30 years by all the leading pharmacial and chemical laboratories in this country. They are now used by all Homeopathic and by two-thirds of the Allopathic physicians. Thus my pioneering labors, so severely and slurringly criticized, have been vindicated and fully justified.

#### RECENT RECOGNITION OF OCCULT SCIENCES BY A PREEMINENT NATURAL SCIENTIST

Paracelsus, the great medieval physician and occultist, used certain occult laws in his practice with signal success, for which he was severely criticized and ridiculed by the doctors of his day. In the International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences we taught, in connection with the System of Natural Healing, certain occult laws and principles of the finer forces of Nature. In this connection it is interesting to note that a preeminent Natural Scientist, Dr. Alexis Carrel, a Nobel prize winner, Biologist at the Rocke-

feller Institute, in his recent book, MAN—THE UNKNOWN, has taken a long step forward into the realms of the metaphysical and gives due recognition to certain laws, principles and teachings of the Occult Sciences. It is a "breaking over" of the Natural Scientist into the Occult Sciences. It may be the beginning of the ultimate universal recognition by all scientists of the occult principles and occult laws of nature long taught by the Secret Schools, including the Rosicrucians.

No doubt Dr. Carrel, like all pioneers in medicine and science, will be severely criticized and ridiculed by the "stand-pat," orthodox Doctors and Scientists. Be it so, he has written an epochal book that should be of great interest and worthy of the profound consideration of all, especially all occult students.

#### MAGNETIC (ALCHEMIC) THERAPEUTIC AND DIRECT MEDICATION

In connection with the above mentioned course issued and taught to Physicians in The International Academy of the Natural and Sacred Sciences, I taught Magnetic-Electro Therapeutics, and a system of Direct Medication. I issued text books upon these subjects that were purchased by many physicians not taking the course. These books are still in demand.

I applied for patents on mechanical magnetic electro apparatus for direct medication and the treatment of disease. The patent examiner said that it could not be done and rejected the applications. I went to the Patent Office in Washington and demonstrated that *it could be done*. Patents were granted to me on an "Apparatus for Magnetic Treatment of Diseases," being Patents Nos. 856330 and 910643, upon which International Patents were granted in all civilized countries.

Today thousands of physicians use *magnetic-electro treatments* in one form or another. Hospitals are elaborately equipped with magnetic-electro apparatus embodying, in one phase or another, the basic principles I taught. *Direct medication* is a common practice in every hospital in the land. Again, I have been vindicated and the slurring aspersion cast on my pioneering work in the article have been proven to be without justification.

#### THE ROSICRUCIAN AID

The Rosicrucian or Rose Cross Aid is an auxiliary organization of the Rosicrucian Fraternity, having for its purpose the rendering of the greatest possible service to mankind in every possible way, and under all conditions.

When the United States entered the World War, the Rosicrucian Aid became immediately active on a large scale and made the following announcement:

"The Rosicrucian Aid represents the Rose Cross, the modern title of the representatives of the ancient organization which has always been active in the periods of national and international disaster *in the work of reconstruction*. According to the ancient rules and privileges of its established precedent, that of seeking avenues of service to mankind, it accepts the present opportunity.

"For centuries past, the Rosicrucians have served the people of warring nations. During the Middle Ages, in France and other countries, this Order worked on the battle fields and in the villages, ministering to both the temporal and spiritual needs of the stricken people, and in our own country, under the martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, our men served well in reconstruction work.

"We hold that different ages require different services and methods. Since America has entered the war, the Aid decided to give up most of its former work, and devote its time to two lines, especially. First, that which has to do with the conservation, substitution and combination of foods, so that the needed foods may be saved for the Allies and the boys in the trenches, and at the same time that health may result to the people of the nation. Second, that which may be called Higher Race Development, and which has to do with the cleanliness of the morals of the nations at war.

"These two subjects we hold to be of vast importance to a nation at war—and afterwards. The conservation of healthy manhood and womanhood, and the consequent well-born children, is of as much importance to a race as the conservation of food is to the winning of this war. The two go hand in hand.

"The Aid takes up the subject of Food in detail. It teaches an economy in the expenditure of money, at the same time adding to the food value, through the arts of combination and substitution. The individual who follows the instructions, gains in bodily health and vigor at a reduction of cost. This applied to the nation results in the saving of millions. Another result accomplished at this time is the conservation of certain foodstuffs required by the government for the support of the Allies."

During the war and the immediate years of reconstruction, *The Rosicrucian Aid* distributed among the people throughout the nation, millions of free pamphlets and booklets giving aid and instruction in Dietetics; Scientific Cooking; Food Conservation, Substitution and Combinations; Child Welfare; Higher Race Development, etc.

While some others were profiteering, we were rendering this free service and selling our books on Diet and Cooking at cost. While certain others, loud and prominent in "lip service," were secretly avoiding and assisting in avoiding the Draft, we were doing our patriotic duty and serving humanity.

Do you think that the performance of this patriotic duty to our country and the rendering of these services to our people in times of war and distress deserve the sneering reference of condemnation made to it in the article, which Mr. Lewis, the pseudo-rosicrucian, is circulating with the hope of discrediting the Official Head of the Real Rosicrucians, that he may continue his fraudulent operations, family racket and occult swindle as if it were a Rosicrucian organization?

#### DIETETICS

As was the case with the introduction of the Biochemic System, Magnetic-Electro Therapeutics and Direct Medication, I was also among the pioneers in *Dietetics* in this country. Some thirty years ago, when Dr. Reinhold, Christian, Tilton and myself began to teach Diet—the proper combination and use of food as a cure and preventative of disease, we were jeered and ridiculed by the learned orthodox members of the profession of the Allopathic School. Even as late as 1923, the A. M. A. was still jeering and ridiculing my work in the field of Dietetics. The last twelve years have witnessed many changes—and many of those who came to scoff have remained to praise.

My works on Dietetics and special works on various aspects of the subject have passed through various editions, several printings and have been purchased by the profession and laity by tens of thousands. Today, the demand for these books is greater than ever.

Today the Allopathic School, sponsored and represented by the A. M. A., has adopted and is using as its own all the basic theories and practices of the System of Dietetics, pioneered and introduced into this country by myself and a few others, to cure and to prevent disease. The Allopathics are heralding it as a modern idea and a wonderful discovery of their school. SO MOTE IT BE!—*Let the good work go on.* What matter it if I, another, or others receive the credit for introducing the system, if the good work goes on and

service is rendered to mankind. Columbus discovered the New World. It was named after another who made a map of it. For his pains, Columbus was abused, humiliated, and placed in chains—yet he was vindicated. It is a part of the law of progress that pushes our race onward and upward to better things and higher ideals, that *some must sow what others shall reap*.

#### NOT MOTIVATED BY SELFISHNESS

I do not entertain the slightest objection to the use by others of any ideas, remedies, or medical systems which I pioneered—nor would I contest with others for the honor that justly may be mine. However, since my alleged “quackery” of yesterday has become a part of the “regular” and standard practice of today, it does not seem to be mete or proper, altogether just and right—nor even possible—that the *Master Charlatan* and *Ananias* of today should use the A. M. A. article of yesterday to prove that I am a “quack” in order to leave the inference that he is a gentleman of saint-like perfection or at least, in a desperate attempt, to leave the impression that he is *not as bad* as those who accuse and expose him.

Neither do I entertain any objection to anyone calling himself a Rosicrucian if he has *earned* the title and is a Rosicrucian Initiate. Nor do I object to anyone instituting a Rosicrucian organization under due authority and proper circumstances, and teaching the exoteric philosophy, or esoteric training, and profound wisdom of the August Fraternity, if he came by *way of the Rosy Cross* and is duly prepared and qualified.

#### LET US HAVE REAL ROSICRUCIANS

Indeed, it is my deepest and most sincere desire that all who truly seek and are capable of treading the *Path* shall be shown the *Way* and *become* Rosicrucians—and it matters not whether I, or another, or other authorized and qualified initiate teachers guide them to Mastership that makes them *Rosicrucians*.

I do object to those claiming to be Rosicrucians when they are not; who claim to expound the philosophy of the Fraternity when they do not understand it; who pretend to guide neophytes through Rosicrucian training to mastership, when they know nothing of the sublime, inner, esoteric teachings of the Order and who have no right, authority, or qualifications to teach or guide others in the *Way of the Rosy Cross*.\*

\*See my Foreword to *Right to Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names*. Book IV in the permanent volume: *The Rosicrucian Fraternity in America*.

I do object—*seriously* and *righteously* object to a rank pretender using the sacred name and holy emblem of the Rosy Cross as a trade name and trade mark for an occult swindle and family racket, which as rightful Supreme Grand Master of the Rosicrucians in America, it became my sacred duty to expose, and then using the A. M. A. article, which wrongfully attempts, by inference and innuendo, to connect me with *alleged* past frauds, as a means of detracting attention from the *expose'* and as a smoke screen to cover his own fraudulent operations.

#### CONCLUSION

I submit to the candid judgment of the fair minded, that H. Spencer Lewis, the pseudo-rosicrucian, the mystical racketeer and occult swindler can not and shall not succeed with such despicable methods in perpetuation of his own insidious *fraud* and infamous *swindle*. To this end only have I written and published this reply to the A. M. A. article.

I have acted, as I write and speak, purely and solely in the interest of Humanity to whose welfare I dedicated my time, energy, and talents—and *all that I have and am*, when I adopted the profession of Medicine and accepted the sacred responsibilities and sublime duties of the Supreme Grand Master of The Rosicrucian In America.